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The Honorable Claudia Wilken  
District Judge, United States District Court  
1301 Clay Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: United States v. Rocky Neves  
CR-07-0791 CW

Your Honor:

Please place Mr. Neves on calendar for Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00 pm (or any other time that is convenient for the Court), so that the Court can sign the enclosed Certificate of Acknowledgment, verifying that Mr. Neves' signature on an Affidavit of Inability to Appear is his true signature. We will bring the Affidavit of Inability to Appear to the courtroom, along with an extra copy of the Certificate of Acknowledgment, so that the Affidavit and Certificate can be completed and finalized in the courtroom.

If there is anything I can do to facilitate this process, or anything else I can provide, please let me know. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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/S/  
REBECCA SULLIVAN SILBERT  
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Enclosure